

**“Come to me, all who labor
and are heavy laden, and I will
give you rest.”**

-Jesus

Matthew 11:28

We Care About You!

**Does it really matter what we believe
about Jesus Christ, as long as we
believe in His name?**

We want to be sensitive to the good intentions of all who believe they are following Jesus Christ. However, we cannot claim to be loving if we ignore Jesus' own warnings when we suspect people are following a different Christ. He said that many will think they know Him when, in reality, they have been deceived:

"On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'"

-Matthew 7:22-23

"For many false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect."

-Matthew 24:24

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HERE IS THE MILLION-DOLLAR QUESTION:
Will you go to Heaven when you die? Here's
a quick test: Have you ever lied, stolen, or
used God's name in vain? Jesus said,
"Whoever looks at a woman to lust for her
has already committed adultery with her in
his heart." If you have done these things,
God sees you as a lying, thieving,
blasphemous, adulterer at heart, and the
Bible warns that one day God will punish you
in a terrible place called Hell. But God is not
willing that any should perish. Sinners broke
God's Law and Jesus paid their fine. This
means that God can legally dismiss their
case: "For God so loved the world that He
gave His only begotten Son, that whoever
believes in Him should not perish but have
everlasting life." Then Jesus rose from the
dead, defeating death. Today, repent and
trust Jesus, and God will give you eternal life
as a free gift. Then read the Bible daily and
obey it. God will never fail you.

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**UNDERSTANDING
YOUR
NON-LDS
CHRISTIAN
FRIENDS**



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STREET MINISTRY

Have you ever wondered why so many non-LDS Christians claim that The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon or LDS) is not Christian, especially when you believe the same things they say they believe?

It's true that non-LDS Christians use the same words as the LDS Church to describe their beliefs; but do they mean the same thing?

In order to understand what they really believe it's important to look at the Biblical definitions of the terms they use in sharing their faith with others.

The following chart will help you understand what non-LDS Christians mean when they speak of God the Father, Jesus Christ, the origin and destiny of man and salvation, as compared to the teachings of the LDS Church.

LDS Definitions

Based on LDS Scripture, teaching manuals and writings of top leaders 1

GOD THE FATHER:

1. He was once a mortal man. He has a father. (GP p.279; TPJS p.345; JD 6:3; STC p.152)
2. He is one of many Gods. (TPJS p.370; STC p. 152-153; MD p.576-577)
3. He has a body of flesh and bones as tangible as man's. (D&C 130:22)
4. He and his wife are our parents in heaven. (ACM p. 129-132; GP p.9; AF p.443)

Non-LDS Christian Definitions

Based on the Bible

GOD THE FATHER:

1. He has always been God, from eternity to eternity. (Ps 90:2; Deut 33:27)
2. He is the only God that has ever existed. (Is 43:10; Is 44:6; Heb 6:13)
3. He is a spirit. A spirit does not have flesh and bones. (24:24, Col 1:15-16, Lk 24:39)
4. The Bible says nothing about God having a wife. (See Man at #2.)

Latter-day Saint Definitions

JESUS CHRIST:

1. He is God's first spirit child, thus, was not always God. (MD p.129; AF p.472; GP p.15)
2. He is the spirit brother of Lucifer, Satan, the devil. (GP p.15; GTTA p. 15; MD p.192-193; Moses 5:13)
3. God, a resurrected man of flesh & bone, is his literal father; he was conceived in the same way that we were. (FHEM p. 125-126; MD p.546-547, 742)

MAN:

1. Men can become Gods, with all the powers of Godhood. (ACM p.129-132; D&C 132:20; JD 6:4; AF p.430)
2. His spirit is procreated by a Heavenly Father and Mother (Preexistence). Later, he gets a body. (GP p.9; MD p.589; AF p.472)

SALVATION:

1. Almost everyone, even those who don't accept Christ, will eventually receive some degree of glory in one of several levels of heaven.

Non-LDS Christian Definitions

JESUS CHRIST:

1. He has always been God. He has no beginning, no end. (Jn 1:1; Is 43:10-11 with Lk 2:11; 2 Sam 22:32 with 1 Cor 10:1-4; Is 44:24 with Col 1:16; Ex 3:14 with Jn 8:58; Is 9:6; Rev 1:8, 22:13; Ps 90:2)
2. He is Lucifer's Creator, not his brother. (Col 1:16-17)
3. He appeared in a body by miraculous conception, not by a physical act. (Mat 1:18-23; Lk 1:34-35)

MAN:

1. Men cannot become Gods. There is only one true God. (Is 43:10; Is 44:6, 8; Is 48:11-12)
2. His spirit is created within him by God, who created everything by himself, alone. (Zec 12:1; Is 42:5 with Jn 3:6; Is 44:24; Is 45:5)

SALVATION:

1. Most people will spend eternity in outer darkness (hell). Few will have Eternal Life with God and Christ in heaven, the

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- Only a few, those who receive the LDS gospel and later reject it (sons of perdition) will spend eternity in outer darkness. (D&C 76:31-44)
2. The blood of Christ does not atone for some grievous sins. A murderer, for example, must have his own blood shed. (MD p.92; DS 1:133-138)
 3. Christ's sacrifice allows opportunity to attain perfection by human effort. (LTJHA p.351; AF p.89; MD p.641)
 4. Eternal life with God is earned. (MD p.237; The Articles of Faith, #3; Moroni 10:32-33, BOM)
 5. One who sins after being forgiven is held accountable for former sins. (D&C 82:7; GP p.231; DG p.41)

1 MORMON REFERENCE CODES:

ACM=Achieving A Celestial Marriage, 1976
 AF=Articles of Faith
 BOM=Book of Mormon
 D&C=Doctrine and Covenants
 DG=Doctrines of the Gospel, 1986
 DS=Doctrines of Salvation
 FHEM=Family Home Evening Manual, 1972
 GP=Gospel Principles, 2009
 GTTA=Gospel Through The Ages

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- only alternative. (Mat 7:13-14)
- Note: The wide gate that leads to "destruction" in Mat 7:13 is synonymous with "perdition", the loss of eternal life, eternal misery. See Strong's Concordance (#684), Vine's Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words, or any Greek lexicon of the New Testament.)
2. The blood of Christ cleanses us (those who repent) of all sin. (1 Jn 1:7-9)
 3. Christ has perfected, forever, those who trust (follow) him. (Heb 10:10-18)
 4. Eternal life with God is a gift, not earned. Good works follow spiritual birth. (Eph 2:8-10; Gal 2:16-21; Rom 11: 5 -6; Tit 3:4-6)
 5. "If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ..." (1 Jn 2:1)

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